

OTHER STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Programs and Services

The Office of the **Public Defender**, acting under authority granted by Chapter 31 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS), provides legal counsel for indigent persons accused of a crime punishable by confinement. Separate funding is provided for expert witnesses for the Public Defenders officer per KRS 31.185 (2).

The Office of the Public Defender represents only those criminally accused individuals who have been determined by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be indigent and therefore eligible for publicly furnished counsel as provided in KRS Chapter 31 and RCr 3.05(2). The Courts advise the Public Defender of such appointment through a system devised for such and, thereafter, an assigned attorney consults with the client and proceeds to represent him until final disposition of the case or until changed conditions dictate retention of private counsel. If, after determination of the case at trial or other disposition level, an appeal or other action for post-judgment review is desired by the client and appropriate, the Public Defender provides representation in such proceedings pursuant to the constitutional right of a convicted person to exercise one appeal (Ky. Const. Section 115; KRS 31.219).

The **Property Valuation Administrator** is an elected official whose duties and responsibilities are specified in KRS 132.285 through 132.420. Subject to the direction, instruction and supervision of the State Department of Revenue, PVA's assess all properties in their respective counties, prepare property assessment of property either prescribed by law or required by the Department of Revenue. The Metro Government's appropriation to the Office of the Property Valuation Administrator is specified by KRS 132.590.

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Programs and Services (continued)

The **Board of Tax Commissioners**, or the Board of Tax Supervisors, is a statutory citizen's board whose members are appointed by the Mayor to review property tax assessment appeals.

Jefferson County has three elected **constables** as mandated by KRS 64.210. Since the passage of the judicial amendment to the Commonwealth of Kentucky Constitution, these elected officials have very limited duties to perform.

The **Mental Inquest** program through Circuit Court, pursuant to KRS 31.200, is provided funding for specialized professional services to criminal defendants who have been granted indigent status by the Circuit Court judges. The 1982 General Assembly passed a Guardianship Bill (S.B. 35) codified as KRS 387.540 and 387.560 which significantly increases local governments financial responsibility in the determination of indigent mental disability cases.

The **County Law Library**. Pursuant to KRS 172.100, each county seat shall establish and designate sufficient room in an appropriate space to safely house legal books, maps, and articles pertaining to state law. Such space is provided by metro government in the Old Jail Building. Employees personnel cost is 100% reimbursed by the non-profit board of the Jefferson County Public Law Library. The board derives it's revenue through Circuit Court filing fees.

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Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actual 2003-2004	Original Budget 2004-2005	Revised Budget 2004-2005	Mayor's Recommended 2005-2006	Council Approved 2005-2006
General Fund Appropriation	1,835,500	1,863,700	1,908,700	2,038,700	2,038,700
Agency Receipts	178,500	199,000	182,000	202,200	202,200
Total Revenue:	2,014,000	2,062,700	2,090,700	2,240,900	2,240,900
Personal Services	148,700	156,800	156,800	157,000	157,000
Contractual Services	1,865,200	1,905,900	1,933,900	2,083,900	2,083,900
Total Expenditure:	2,013,900	2,062,700	2,090,700	2,240,900	2,240,900
Expenditures By Activity					
Public Defender	1,360,700	1,419,600	1,419,600	1,569,600	1,569,600
Property Valuation Administrator	190,500	201,300	201,300	201,300	201,300
Board of Tax Commissioners	8,300	21,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
Constables & Magistrates	16,600	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Mental Inquest	212,500	170,000	195,000	195,000	195,000
Law Library	138,600	149,000	149,000	149,200	149,200
Expert Witness	86,700	86,800	86,800	86,800	86,800
Total Expenditure:	2,013,900	2,062,700	2,090,700	2,240,900	2,240,900

Other Statutory Obligations		Position Detail	
		Mayor's Recommended FY2005-2006	Council Approved FY2005-2006
Position Allocation (in Full-Time Equivalents)			
Full-Time		3	3
Permanent Part-Time		3	3
Seasonal/Other		0	0
Total Positions		6	6
PROGRAMS			
<i>Constables</i>			
Full-Time		0	0
Permanent Part-Time		3	3
Seasonal/Other		0	0
Total Positions		3	3
Title			
Constable		3	3
<i>Law Library</i>			
Full-Time		3	3
Permanent Part-Time		0	0
Seasonal/Other		0	0
Total Positions		3	3
Title			
Asst To Dir Of Library Svcs		1	1
Dir Library Services		1	1
Library Assistant li		1	1